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### **Letter dated 14 June 2000 from the Permanent Representative of Portugal to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General**

I have the honour to bring to your attention the statement on the Ethiopia/Eritrea conflict issued on 14 June 2000 by the Presidency of the European Union on behalf of the European Union (see annex).

I should be grateful if you would have the text of this letter and its annex distributed as a document of the Security Council.

*(Signed)* António Monteiro  
Permanent Representative of Portugal to the United Nations



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**Statement by the Presidency of the European Union on behalf of the European Union on the Ethiopia/Eritrea conflict issued on 14 June 2000**

The European Union welcomes the outcome of the proximity talks for the solution of the Ethiopia/Eritrea conflict held in Algiers under the Chairmanship of Algeria, the current Chair of the Organization of African Unity (OAU) for the past two weeks, with the participation of the European Union Presidency's special representative, Rino Serri, in the framework of the OAU peace initiative.

The European Union is looking forward to the signature by the two Governments in the shortest possible time of the agreement on cessation of hostilities submitted by OAU with the support of its partners — the European Union and the United States of America — and appeals to the parties to stop immediately all acts of war and to continue negotiations for a lasting peace on the basis of the OAU framework agreement and the modalities for its implementation.

The European Union confirms its commitment to support the implementation of the OAU peace settlement in coordination with the United Nations and other interested parties and, in particular, to the deployment of the peacekeeping mission, the delimitation and demarcation of the common border, mine clearance, and efforts to support refugees and displaced persons.

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